

Mrs. Emil (Mollie) Brudno Collection.

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Summary Information

Repository	Ingalls Library and Museum Archives
Creator - Author	Brudno, Mollie, Mrs. Emil, 1880-1961
Title	Mrs. Emil (Mollie) Brudno Collection.
Date [inclusive]	1926-1958
Extent	0.3 Cubic feet
Language	English

Biographical/Historical note

Mrs. Emil M. Brudno was one of Cleveland's early concert impresarios. Born Mollie Rothenberg in Cleveland in 1880 to Leopold and Anna Rothenberg, her father was a well-known dry goods merchant. Mollie studied music at the Sorbonne where she first met such luminaries as Dr. Albert Schweitzer. In 1907 she married Dr. Emil Brudno, a local obstetrician. The couple had two daughters, Miriam and Ruth.

Mrs. Brudno was very active in civic and Jewish organizations, being an organizer and first president of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations. She was also a president of the Cleveland Council of Jewish Women. As long-time chairman of the council's program committee Mrs. Brudno sponsored a lecture series, bringing to Cleveland many of the most distinguished speakers of the day including Clarence Darrow, Bertrand Russell, and John Haynes Holmes. In addition to these activities Mrs. Brudno was a member and president of the Cleveland Chapter of the League of Women Voters; and a member of the Women's Committee of the Cleveland Orchestra, Women's City Club, and Euclid Avenue Temple.

Her love of music brought her to the foreground of the field by the 1930s. The Cleveland Museum of Art sponsored her Cleveland Concert Course, through which she brought to Cleveland the finest musicians and dancers of the early to mid-twentieth century including Yehudi Menuhin, Marian Anderson, Gaby and Robert Casadesus, and many others. For a long time she was the only active concert manager in the city. She retired as a concert promoter in 1955. Following the death of her husband in 1958 Mrs. Brudno moved to New York City where she lived with her daughter, Miriam Reichl until her death in 1961.

Scope and Contents note

The Brudno collection consists of autographed photographs of performers who participated in the Cleveland Concert Course managed by Mollie Brudno and sponsored by the Cleveland Museum of Art. The images have been digitized and are available online at digitalarchives.clevelandart.org.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

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Existence and Location of Copies note

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Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Cleveland Museum of Art.
- Cleveland Museum of Art. Department of Musical Arts
- Photograph collections -- Ohio -- Cleveland.

Photographs

Collection Inventory

Photographs		
	Box	Folder
Victor Babin [Vronsky & Babin] undated	1	1
Lucia Chase undated	1	1
Russ Case undated	1	1
Robert Casadesus 1958	1	1
Gaby Casadesus undated	1	1
Anne Brown undated	1	1
Margit Bokor undated	1	1
Thomas Beecham undated	1	1
Philip Burton [Griller String Quartet] undated	1	1
Simon Barer 1941	1	1
Alexander Brailowsky 1947	1	1

Photographs

Claudio Arrau 1944	1	1
Argentinita 1938	1	1
Robert Casadesus 1939	1	1
Bill Appling undated	1	1
Elwyn Adams 1957	1	1
Marian Anderson undated	1	1
Alica Alonso [Ballet Theatre Fouundatedation] undated	1	1
Solomon Cutner undated	1	1
Talley Beatty undated	1	1
Ted Bloomfield undated	1	1
Mischa Elman 1940	1	2
Ruth Draper 1941	1	2
Anton Dolin [Ballet Ruse] undated	1	2
Devi Dja 1939	1	2

Photographs

Devi Dja 1939	1	2
Anthea De Forest undated	1	2
Sidney Griller [Griller String Quartet] undated	1	2
Vladimir Horowitz 1940	1	2
Albert Hirsh 1942	1	2
Emanuel Feuermann undated	1	2
Colin Hampton [Griller String Quartet] undated	1	2
Fannie Hurst undated	1	2
Martha Graham undated	1	2
Marc Gottlieb [Claremont String Quartet] 1955	1	2
Hertha Glaz 1941	1	2
Ria Ginster 1935	1	2
Jean Geis 1956	1	2
Miklos Gafni undated	1	2

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Ignaz Friedman undated	1	2
Zino Francescatti 1939	1	2
Kirsten Flagstad 1955	1	2
Giorgio D'Andria [National Grand Opera Company] 1940	1	2
Roland Hayes undated	1	2
Jascha Heifetz undated	1	2
Francois D'Albert 1956	1	2
Ruth Draper 1941	1	2
Irving Klein [Claremont String Quarter] 1955	1	3
Edith Lorand undated	1	3
Pierre Luboshutz undated	1	3
Harald Kreutzberg undated	1	3
Erwin Jospe 1943	1	3
Kurt Jooss [Jooss Ballet] undated	1	3

Photographs

Kurt Jooss [Jooss Ballet] 1936	1	3
Maria Jeritza undated	1	3
Lotte Lehmann 1957	1	3
Jose Iturbi 1938	1	3
William Kapell undated	1	3
Lawaune Kinnard 1949	1	3
Serge Jaroff 1947	1	3
Laszlo Krausz 1953	1	3
Boris Kroyt [Budapest String Quartet] undated	1	3
John Kriza [Ballet Theatre Fouundatedation] 1952	1	3
William Kapell 1947	1	3
Fritz Kreisler 1933	1	3
Jacob Lateiner 1947	1	3
Serge Koussevitzky undated	1	3

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Ezio Pinza undated	1	4
Jack O'Brien [Griller String Quartet] undated	1	2
Ruth Posselt 1941	1	4
Guiomar Novaes 1953	1	4
Alicia Markova [Ballet Russe] undated	1	4
Dimitri Mitropoulos 1942	1	4
Ezio Pinza undated	1	4
Nathan Milstein 1944	1	4
Eunice Podis undated	1	4
Robert Merrill undated	1	4
Hortense Monath [New Friends of Music Quartet] undated	1	4
Erica Morini 1940	1	4
Genia Nemenoff undated	1	3
Yehudi Menuhin 1937	1	4

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Edgar Ortenberg [Budapest String Quartet] undated	1	3
Dorothy Maynor undated	1	4
Harl McDonald [Philadelphia Orchestra] 1946	1	4
Lauritz Melchior undated	1	4
Boaz Piller 1939	1	4
Alicia Markova [Ballet Russe] undated	1	4
Eugene Ormandy 1951	1	4
Giovanni Martinelli undated	1	4
Si-Hon Ma 1956	1	4
Frances Magnes 1948	1	4
Rosemarie Passalacqua 1957	1	4
Jan Peerce undated	1	4
Gregor Piatigorsky 1940	1	4
Alfio Pignotti [Claremont String Quartet] 1955	1	4

Photographs

Boaz Piller 1939	1	4
Artur Schnabel 1926	1	5
Leopold Stokowski 1943	1	5
Fritz Stiedry undated	1	5
Albert Schweitzer undated	1	5
Kenneth Spencer undated	1	5
Rudolf Serkin 1937	1	5
Ruth Slenczynski undated	1	5
Uday Shankar undated	1	5
Serge Rachmaninoff 1939	1	5
Leopold Stokowski undated	1	5
Isaac Stern 1944	1	5
Artur Rubinstein 1940	1	5
Josef Roismann [Budapest String Quartet] undated	1	5

Photographs

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Joel Rosen undated	1	5
Uday Shankar undated	1	5
Florence Salb 1950	1	5
Jesus Maria Sanroma 1944	1	5
Mischa Schneider [Budapest String Quartet] undated	1	5
Trudi Schoop undated	1	5
Joseph Schuster 1944	1	5
Andres Segovia 1948	1	5
Leopold Stokowski undated	1	5
James Streem undated	1	5
Joseph Szigeti 1944	1	5
William Schoen [Claremont String Quartet] 1955	1	5
Igor Youskevitch [Ballet Theatre Founundatedation] 1952	1	6

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Alexander Uninsky 1944	1	6
Vitya Vronsky [Vronsky & Babin] 1939	1	6
Sam E. Walter undated	1	6
Karyol Vaughn Weinberg undated	1	6
John Charles Thomas undated	1	6
Maggie Teyte undated	1	6
Igor Youskevitch [Ballet Theatre Founundatedation] undated	1	6
Kwong-Kwong Tung 1956	1	6
Barbara Williamson undated	1	6
Sonia Wojcikowska 1946	1	6
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Emile B. DeSauze undated	1	2
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Unidentified artists [10] undated	1	7